

House Study Bill 647

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to rules for the discharge of wastewater from
2 water well drilling sites.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6093HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.198 WASTEWATER DISCHARGE
1 2 FROM WELL DRILLING SITES == RULES.
1 3 1. The commission shall adopt rules to regulate the
1 4 discharge of wastewater from water well drilling sites. The
1 5 rules shall incorporate the following considerations:
1 6 a. The size of the well as measured by the flow of water
1 7 in gallons per minute.
1 8 b. The best management practices for reducing the level of
1 9 wastewater discharge.
1 10 c. The necessity of inspecting the drilling site.
1 11 d. Requirements for notification to the department prior
1 12 to the commencement of drilling operations.
1 13 e. Requirements for retention of records for a well.
1 14 f. Reasonable and appropriate limitations on wastewater
1 15 discharge that balance the need for the well against the need
1 16 to protect the environment.
1 17 2. The commission shall convene an advisory committee that
1 18 includes representatives of the Iowa water well association to
1 19 assist in the development of the rules.
1 20 3. The rules shall be adopted no later than December 31,
1 21 2008.

EXPLANATION

1 22 This bill relates to water well drilling.
1 23 The bill directs the environmental protection commission to
1 24 develop rules for water well drilling and requires the rules
1 25 to incorporate the following considerations: the size of the
1 26 well as measured by the flow of water in gallons per minute,
1 27 the best management practices for reducing the level of
1 28 wastewater discharge, the necessity of inspecting the drilling
1 29 site, requirements for notification to the department prior to
1 30 the commencement of drilling operations, requirements for
1 31 retention of records for a well, and reasonable and
1 32 appropriate limitations on wastewater discharge that balance
1 33 the need for the well against the need to protect the
1 34 environment.
2 1 The bill directs the commission to convene an advisory
2 2 committee of representatives from the Iowa water well
2 3 association to assist in the development of the rules.
2 4 The bill provides that the rules be adopted no later than
2 5 December 31, 2008.
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